

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA****Consumer Protection Services Program**

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August 12, 2005

Citation No. 05-06-0140

John Pang
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CITATION

Investigation of a complaint submitted revealed actions taken by you which violate sections of the law regulating the practice of physical therapy.

A Citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with Section 125.9 of the Business and Professions Code for the violations described below.

FIRST CAUSE FOR CITATION

1. *Section 2630 of the Business and Professions Code*

It is unlawful for any person or persons to practice, or offer to practice, physical therapy in this state for compensation received or expected, or to hold himself or herself out as a physical therapist, unless at the time of so doing the person holds a valid, unexpired and unrevoked license issued under this chapter.

Based on records reviewed, it has been determined that you are in violation of Section 2630 of the Business and Professions Code for providing physical therapy treatment as a physical therapy aide without proper supervision to the following patients¹:

Patient L.B.:

On January 14, 2004, a referral to the registered nurse assistant directing care of this patient is signed by John Pang, physical therapy aide. On January 14, 2004 an initial evaluation is documented and signed by John Pang, physical therapy aide, as "John Pang PT".

¹Patient names are not used to protect the patients' privacy. The full names will be provided upon request for discovery.

Patient N.K.

On May 13, 2004, "Resident Short Term Care Plan" is completed and signed by John Pang, physical therapy aide.

SECOND CAUSE FOR CITATION

2. *Section 2633 of the Business and Professions Code*

Use of "P.T."

A person holding a license as a physical therapist issued by the board may use the title "physical therapist" or the letters "P.T." or any other words, letters, or figures which indicate that the person using same is a licensed physical therapist. No other person shall be so designated or shall use the term licensed or registered physical therapist, licensed or registered physiotherapist, licensed or registered physical therapy technician, or the letters "L.P.T.," "R.P.T.," or "P.T."...

Based on records reviewed, it has been determined that you are violation of Section 2633 of the Business and Professions Code for represented yourself as a physical therapist, while working as a physical therapist aide, in the treatment of the following patients:

Patient L.B.

On January 14, 2004, John Pang, physical therapy aide, signed a referral to registered nurse assistant directing care of patient and initial evaluation as "John Pang, PT."

Patient C.G.

On July 16, 2004 and July 23, 2004, John Pang, physical therapy aide, signed treatment notes as "John Pang, PT."

Patient N.K.

On May 13, 2004, John Pang, physical therapy aide, signed "Resident Short Term Care Plan," and evaluation and treatment notes, on July 14, 2004, July 22, 2004, July 23, 2004, July 26, 2004, July 28, 2004, July 29, 2004 and July 30, 2004, as "John Pang, PT."

ORDER

Further, **you are ordered to pay a fine of \$ 2500.00** (\$1250 for each cause) to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

If you wish to contest all or any part of this Citation, complete the enclosed "Notice of Appeal -Request for Informal Conference" form and return it to this office within 10 days after receipt of this Citation. The date indicated on the order of abatement will be held in abeyance only for any violation(s) you wish to contest. The time to correct all

uncontested violations will be adhered to as specified. In the alternative, you may, within 30 days after receipt of this Citation, request a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge under the Administrative Procedure Act.

FAILURE TO RETURN THE REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE FORM OR TO REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WITHIN THE TIME INDICATED WILL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTEST OR APPEAL THIS CITATION.

Administrative Fine

\$ 2500.00

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT,
PLEASE RETURN THE COPY OF THE CITATION
AND NOTE THE CITATION NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.

August 12, 2005

Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL
Executive Officer

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ORDER OF ABATEMENT

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Citation Against: John Pang

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First Cause

Violations: Section 2630 of the Business and Professions Code

Description:

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Second Cause

Violations: Section 2633 of the Business and Professions Code

Description:*Use of "P.T"*

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Order of Correction

You are hereby ordered to abate this violation immediately and to cease and desist from further violation.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Citation and Order of Abatement within 30 days of receipt may result in further legal action.